



August 5, 2013

Mr. Greg Cox, Chairperson
San Diego County Board of Supervisors
County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Chairperson Cox:

The U.S. Small Business Administration declared the primary counties of **Calaveras, Orange, San Joaquin, Santa Clara**, and the **contiguous counties** of **Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne** a disaster area. This declaration is a result of a July 31, 2013, U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster designation due to drought severity levels of D2 (for eight consecutive weeks), D3, or D4, as identified on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is providing the enclosed information regarding this declaration. Please inform interested individuals, businesses, and city officials within your county of this declaration and information.

Sincerely,

KARMA HACKNEY
Individual Assistance Officer

Enclosure

c: **San Diego County Office of Emergency Services**
Cal OES Recovery Section
Cal OES Regional Administrator
Cal OES Individual Assistance Division

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation USDA #S3558 - D2, D3, D4 Drought

Designation Information

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County(s):	Calaveras, Orange, San Joaquin, Santa Clara
Eligible Contiguous County(s):	Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, Tuolumne
Event:	Final rule for the USDA Disaster Designation Process (7 CFR 759), which includes the nearly automatic approval for counties with drought intensity levels of D2 (for 8 consecutive weeks), D3, and D4 as reported on the U.S. Drought Monitor. Incident Period: June 4, 2013 - July 29, 2013
Assistance made available by designation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency farm loans for actual losses as a direct result of the disaster • Up to a maximum of \$500,000
Application deadline:	March 31, 2014
Who may apply:	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
How to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture • Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)
USDA website for additional information:	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm